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Excellence in Agriculture award winners announced

The Wyoming Department of Agriculture has announced the winners of the 2006 Excellence in Agriculture Awards.

These winners were chosen based on their outstanding record of support or service to Wyoming's agriculture industry. The Wyoming Department of Agriculture will honor winning individuals and businesses at an awards ceremony on Friday, Aug. 18 at the Wyoming State Fair. The ceremony is open to the public and will take place at 6:00 p.m. in the grandstand area of the Wyoming State Fair Park. The PRCA rodeo will follow the ceremony. Tickets are \$9.

Nine awards will be given to recognize individuals or businesses that have significantly contributed to different areas of Wyoming agriculture. Award categories, winners and the section of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture presenting the award are as follows:

- Pacesetter Award – Terry Cleveland, Cheyenne – Wyoming Department of Agriculture
- Cooperating Contributor to Agriculture Award – Dr. James W. Waggoner, Jr., Laramie – Analytical Services
- Outstanding Service Award – Cody Meat Store, Cody – Consumer Health Services
- Friend of Agriculture Award – Jim Cagney, Cheyenne – Natural Resources and Policy
- Excellence in Agriculture Industry Supporter Award – John Harrington, Mills – Technical Services
- Wyoming State Fair Sponsorship Honor Award – Larry and Barb Gubbels, Douglas – Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo
- Champion of Rural Wyoming Award – Mike Ceballos, Cheyenne – Wyoming Rural Development Council
- Wyoming Main Street Advocate Award – Jim Davis, Evanston – Wyoming Main Street
- Friend of the Beef Industry Award – Susan Shaffer, Cheyenne – Wyoming Beef Council

Each award winner will be presented with a custom-made belt buckle mounted on a plaque.

This is the first year the Wyoming Department of Agriculture has hosted the Excellence in Agriculture Awards. It will become an annual event to be held each year during the Wyoming State Fair and Rodeo.

For more information about the awards program, please contact the Wyoming Department of Agriculture at (307) 777-7180 or the Wyoming State Fair at (397) 358-2398. Tickets for the ceremony and PRCA rodeo can be purchased at the Wyoming State Fair Office.

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